

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are subject to a Restriction Requirement mailed November 3, 2008. New claims 26-29 are included with this amendment.

The Amendments to the Claims

New claim 26 depends from claim 5 and relates to a method for making a polymeric device, the method involving formation of a first layer on a substrate according to the method of claim 5 and formation of a second layer on the first layer. Formation of each layer includes the step of formation of a liquid layer between an at least partially transparent element and the substrate (for the first layer) or first layer (for the second layer), followed by exposure of the liquid layer to light and polymerization of at least a region of the liquid layer. New claim 26 is supported by original claims 10 and 14.

New claim 27 depends from claim 26 and specifies that at least one of the polymeric layers is a patterned polymeric layer. This limitation is supported by original claim 11.

New claim 28 depends from claim 26 and specifies that one or more cavities in the first polymeric layer are filled with a sacrificial material prior to forming the layer of the second liquid. This limitation is supported by original claims 12 and 13.

New claim 29 depends from claim 27 and specifies that excess sacrificial material is removed from the surface of the first polymeric layer prior to forming the layer of the second liquid. This limitation is supported by original claim 13.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The Response to the Restriction Requirement

The Restriction Requirement mailed November 3, 2008 required restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-6, drawing to a method for making a polymeric layer on a substrate.

Group II, claims 7-9, drawing to a method of forming a composite polymeric layer on a substrate.

Group III, claims 10-18, drawing to a method of forming a multilayered polymeric device on a substrate.

Group IV, claims 19-25, drawn to an apparatus for photolithographic fabrication.

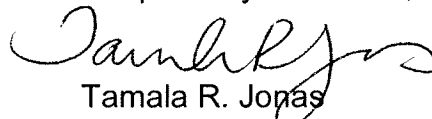
The Restriction Requirement asserts that the inventions listed as Groups I-IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Applicants elect claims 1-6 (classified in Group I) and new claims 26-29 (dependent from claim 5) for examination. The election is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that a serious search and examination burden would not be incurred by searching the claims classified in Groups I-III, all of which relate to fabrication of photo-polymerized layers.

Conclusion

It is believed that fees for the addition of 4 dependent claims (\$104) and for a two-month extension of time (\$245) are due with this submission. Therefore, it is intended that payment in the amount of \$349 will be made via the Electronic Filing System with this submission. If the amount submitted is incorrect or if any additional fees or further extensions of time are required, please deduct the appropriate fees required for this submission from Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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